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I am ok as long as employees have instructions on what to do when contacted. Employees are to refer questions to appropriate persons with the knowledge to answer questions and we need to make sure they are not answering questions based on their own knowledge.

From: Madigan, Andrea
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We have been responding to various document requests (congressional, press, FOIA) relating to the Gold King release. Due to some of the angry and sometimes profane communications we have received regarding this event, we have been redacting the names of EPA employees and EPA contractor employees on documents prior to release for safety purposes. We have forwarded these communications to the IG.

We are considering returning to our normal process and stopping the redacting of employee names when we release documents. As time has passed, the nasty communications have for the most part stopped. We consulted the IG about what had been submitted and we were advised that no specific threats were made against any employees and they did not have safety concerns. I spoke with Steve Way this morning and asked him to let me know if he had received any threatening emails or letters. He told me he would catch upon email and such and let me know.

My question for you is do you have any concerns about no longer redacting names from EPA documents prior to release? We are thinking about posting the non-privileged documents in the Upper animas site files on the Gold King web page. This will include for lots of historic documents. At some point we need to get the Gold King response documents into the records center but that can keep for the time being.

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